

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF
COULSON TOUGH

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished life and public service of my dear friend Mr. Coulson Tough. He dedicated his life to improving his community and country and ushered an idea of The Woodlands into one of the top places to live in the country.

At age 17, Coulson eagerly enlisted in the Army Air Corps, now known as the Air Force, where he served in Germany and France. After returning home, he attended the University of Michigan where he earned his bachelor's degree in Architecture and met his adoring wife Colleen Bohn. Coulson and Colleen then headed west to California to start their life together, and became parents to two wonderful children, Bruce and Cindy.

Mr. Tough spent the first 16 years of his career in architecture in California, where he designed a barn remodel for future president Ronald Reagan. In 1968, Coulson made the courageous decision to move his family to Texas, where he served as the Vice President of Facilities and Operations at the University of Houston. This is where Mr. Tough met George Mitchell, the founder of The Woodlands, and together, they created a thriving community.

Mr. Tough showcased his passion for architecture and, while working alongside Mr. Mitchell, as Vice President of Building Development for The Woodlands, helped bring his vision of a master planned community to life. The leadership and service of these two men undoubtedly made The Woodlands into what it is today.

Around The Woodlands, citizens are reminded of Coulson's legacy. He helped build 130 buildings and pioneered the procurement of public art across the community. His favorite art piece was a sculpture of a reclining boy termed "The Dreamer," which resides at the intersection of West Panther Creek Drive and The Woodlands Parkway.

Mr. Tough's ideas live beyond his work as an architect. His dedication to serving his community was evident through his involvement in the Rotary Club, The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, the Conroe ISD Board, and The Woodlands Chamber of Commerce, where he hired me as President. In addition to serving as a Trustee on the Conroe ISD Board, he was honored to have a school in The Woodlands named after him, Coulson Tough Elementary.

Mr. Tough's most recent project was to design and construct the Mitchell Physics Building and the Institute for Fundamental Physics and Astronomy at Texas A&M University. Coulson retired at the age of 77, but continued

consulting on projects both in The Woodlands and Galveston, Texas.

While we mourn with the Tough family, we also celebrate the life, service, and legacy that will live throughout our community for years to come. I am proud to join Mr. Tough's family, friends, and the entire Woodland's community in honoring his life and devotion to public service. May God bless Coulson Tough.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I was attending a funeral and was unable to participate in Roll Call numbers 46, 47, 48, 49, and 50. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 46, YEA on Roll Call No. 47, NAY on Roll Call No. 48, NAY on Roll Call No. 49 and NAY on Roll Call No. 50.

HONORING KENESHA LEWIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious young lady, Mrs. Kenesha Lewis. Kenesha has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

With over 10 years of restaurant management experience, Kenesha has always had a love of serving people with excellence, bringing smiles to their faces.

Known as the "fruit lady" in her family for many years because of her love for fruit, Kenesha felt led in December 2018 to start creating beautiful fruit arrangements. She worked throughout the night, knowing she was being purposely driven because she was so filled with joy. After showcasing her arrangements on social media and seeing the positive and enthusiastic responses, Kenesha, with her husband Jason, birthed Kay's Kute Fruit, offering gorgeous fruit arrangements for all occasions, as well as their all-natural smoothies.

"Being a young woman here in the Delta, it's not a lot of health options," Kenesha says. "It's not a lot of places you can go and get a healthy wrap and then you can go in the same place and have nice service."

Kenesha got the idea to start a business after her husband kept getting on her case for eating too much sugar. "I lost two teeth and he said, 'wait a minute now, you're too young to be losing these teeth.'" she recalls, laughing. "[he said] 'Let's figure this out.' So, we

created smoothies together and I said, okay, this is good for me."

It turns out, it was also good for business. Lewis exceeded her projected annual sales in her first month after opening. Growing up, she says people in her community were good entrepreneurs, but they usually worked out of their homes. Her mom is a stylist, and her dad ran a house painting business.

Being a black woman, now with a storefront downtown, she sees herself as a role model.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Kenesha Lewis for the outstanding work and accomplishments she has made thus far.

TRIBUTE TO JAY MYRON JACKMAN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of a dear friend and great man, Jay Jackman, who died of Parkinson's disease on January 17, 2022.

Jay Jackman was born in New York City in 1939 and raised in Brooklyn where his father instilled in him a love of political activism and a passion for justice. Jay was a graduate of Harvard College and the Columbia Medical School, did his medical residency at Stanford University, and was a graduate of the Hastings School of Law. He dedicated both his medical and legal careers to justice for all.

After his residency in psychiatry, Jay ran a drug treatment program in San Francisco, then moved to Hawaii. Upon his return to California, he worked in forensic psychiatry and psychiatry at Stanford University. He also served on the Foothill-DeAnza College Board for five years and was an advisor to the Democratic Clubs at Stanford. He served as a liaison from Stanford to the Democratic Party and was one of the early members of the Peninsula Democratic Coalition. He was a key member of the Santa Clara County Central Committee and the California Central Committee of the Democratic Party. After going to law school at age 60, he served as an expert witness in more than 250 capital cases, where he often tried to help prisoners escape the death penalty.

Jay leaves his beloved wife, Myra Strober, his children Tenaya, Rashi and Jason, and his stepchildren Jason and Liz.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of this good and great man and in extending our most sincere condolences to Myra and his entire family. Jay Jackman bettered our country every day of his life, and was a special blessing to me and countless others.

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IN RECOGNITION OF CHAMBERSBURG AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JUNIOR ROTC CADETS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Chambersburg Area Senior High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program.

Under the leadership of Cadet Lieutenant Commander Ethan Baker, and under the guidance of Commander Bruce Apgar and Master Sergeant Louise Montney, the Chambersburg Area Senior High School Trojan Cadets won multiple portions of the Academic, Fitness and Drill Competition held at Sterling High School in Camden, New Jersey this February.

The Varsity Cadets finished first overall in the competition after winning the Academics, Personnel Inspection, Color Guard and Armed Regulation Drill portions of the competition.

I am confident that the determination, attention to detail, and discipline that served these students so well in competition will continue to lead them to success in their academic and future endeavors.

It is inspiring to see our community's youth commit themselves to developing as leaders, and regardless of whether they find themselves serving our nation in uniform one day, I am incredibly proud of the work that the Chambersburg Area Senior High School NJROTC cadets done this past year, and I wish them every continued success.

HONORING LEFLORE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable team, Leflore County High School (LCHS) football team.

LCHS football team has had a tremendous football season. They ended their 2021 season with an 10–4 record.

On November 26, 2021, LCHS defeated Charleston High School. 24–22, in the North State 2A championship game in Charleston to advance to the state title game. On December 4, 2021, the Tigers lost to Scott Central, 72–24, in Hattiesburg.

Despite their loss, Leflore County celebrated them. LCHS is the district's only high school to reach the state championship in football since the Greenwood and Leflore County districts merged in 2019.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable Leflore County High School Team for their commitment and hard work.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH SAVAGE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Elizabeth 'Liz' Savage, a career attorney in the Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division (CRD) at the U.S. Department of Justice, who received the Maceo W. Hubbard Award in December. The Division's highest award, it recognizes her exceptional work as an expert in disability rights law and her commitment to educating Americans with disabilities on how to access reasonable accommodations guaranteed under law. The law referenced, of course, is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which I was proud to sponsor and helps shepherd to enactment in 1990.

I've known Liz Savage for many years, and during the time that I was leading efforts to pass the ADA, she was working at the Epilepsy Foundation. Liz had been working with our former Majority Whip Tony Coelho, long a champion for disability rights, who served on the Epilepsy Foundation's board at the time. Tony, of course, was the original author of the ADA, and I was honored that he asked me to take charge of it after he left the House. When I did, I was grateful for Liz's support and assistance, as she helped lead grassroots organizing and outreach to Members of Congress to educate the public and policymakers about what the ADA would achieve and how important it would be to promoting equality, access, independence, and opportunity for those living with disabilities. She worked hard to build a coalition among national disability, civil rights, religious, and civic organizations in support of the ADA's enactment.

In addition to the ADA, Liz had a profound impact on a number of pieces of federal legislation during her time at the Epilepsy Foundation. These included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Civil Rights Restoration Act, and Fair Housing Act amendments. Liz served as a tireless advocate in all of those efforts to ensure that the voices of people whose lived experience included dealing with a disability were included when policies were developed and adopted.

For more than three decades, Liz has continued to fight for the rights and equality of people with disabilities. Over the past ten years, she has been working in the Justice Department's Disability Rights Section, and the Maceo W. Hubbard Award she received in December is testament to her success and achievement in that role. I join in congratulating her and thanking her for the service and many contributions she has made and continues to make for her country and for Americans with disabilities. I hope my colleagues will join in congratulating Liz Savage as well.

ENSURING WE ARE PREPARED

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, as climate change accelerates, it is more important than ever that we put our infrastructure in good working order, hardened against the powerful typhoons and other natural disasters that are associated with a warming planet.

Today, I am introducing legislation that will ensure we have an adequate workforce in the Northern Mariana Islands to finish repairs from the typhoons that struck our islands in recent years and to build new infrastructure able to withstand future storms.

Congress made the decision that additional foreign workers would be needed for this purpose, when we passed the FY20 omnibus appropriation, U.S. Public Law 116–94. Title IX provided up to 3,000 permits for Commonwealth-only Transitional Workers (CW–1s) specifically for disaster-related construction projects during fiscal 2020, 2021, and 2022.

In the succeeding years, however, more funding has become available—for the Marianas public water in the American Rescue Plan Act, for better roads in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, for solid waste systems on the islands of Rota and Tinian in the 2019 Disaster Relief Act—and those projects will all require skilled labor.

Those projects will also occur in a timeframe beyond 2022. Not only do large-scale infrastructure projects take time to design, bid, and build, but the money is scheduled over a five-year period in many cases. Add to that the impact of the pandemic on business capacity and the supply chain and the need for workers stretches for years ahead.

How many workers will be necessary and when projects will be ready to proceed is not easily predicted. So, the legislation I have introduced today simply authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Governor of the Marianas to make the determination when construction workers are needed. The Governor will request the foreign workers to augment the Marianas labor force. The Secretary will then decide whether the request is justified, whether qualified U.S. workers are truly not available, and whether adding foreign workers would in any way reduce the wage-setting power of local, U.S. workers in our islands.

Congress has made an historic investment in the Mariana Islands in the form of disaster recovery assistance and in funding infrastructure that can withstand future disasters. But that funding will need labor. The legislation I am introducing today will help ensure that labor needs are met, that projects are built, and that the Marianas is in a stronger position to withstand the coming climate change.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 5683, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BORDER SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACTS REVIEW ACT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 5683, the Department of Homeland Security Border Support Services Contracts Review Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 1, 2022.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5683, the Department of Homeland Security Border Support Services Contracts Review Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Lindsay Wylie.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5683, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BORDER SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACTS REVIEW ACT—JANUARY 21, 2022

[By fiscal year, millions of dollars]

	2022	2022–2026	2022–2031
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) ..			
in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	6	**

* = between zero and \$500,000.
** = not estimated.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? No.

No Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.
Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 5683 would require the Under Secretary for Management at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to report to the Congress within 180 days of enactment on the department's active contracts that relate to U.S.-Mexico border security and that are above \$50 million. The report would need to include an assessment of whether contract personnel are necessary to fulfill the department's mission on the U.S.-Mexico land border and a strategy to improve the effectiveness of such contracts. The bill also would require DHS to submit a plan to implement the strategy and brief the Congress every six months until the plan has been implemented.

Using information from DHS, CBO expects that the department would need about \$2 million in contractor support and seven employees to produce the report and about twice as many employees to implement the strategy for two to three years after it is finalized. On that basis, and assuming the bill is enacted near the end of fiscal year 2022, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5683 would cost approximately \$6 million over the

2022–2026 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Lindsay Wylie. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

HONORING MICHAEL VOGEL

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Vogel, who recently retired after coaching volleyball for thirty-one years at Hempfield High School in Landisville, Pennsylvania. Mike's time as coach was nothing short of incredible, with a list of records and championship wins to prove it. Just to name a few, he led Hempfield's girls' volleyball team to win five District 3 Class 3A titles and two state championships while also leading the boys' volleyball team to take seven PIAA–3A state titles and fifteen District 3 Class 3A crowns. As coach of Hempfield's boys' volleyball team for twenty-four years, the team had a record of 1,106–94, an astounding feat. These accomplishments demonstrate the immense dedication that Mike showed to Hempfield High School and the many players he coached over the years. He taught them the value of sportsmanship and hard work, lessons that will last a lifetime. And for that, everyone across our community should be thankful for Mike.

I wish Mike a restful and well-deserved retirement and hope that the next volleyball coach at Hempfield High School will be able to meet the high bar that Mike set.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, in the first session of the 117th Congress, I missed votes on Roll Call numbers 262, 324, and 386. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 262, YEA on Roll Call 324, and NAY on Roll Call 386.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REVEREND DAVE WASHINGTON, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Reverend Dave Washington, Jr.

Reverend Washington began his formal education at Druid High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He accepted a football scholarship to attend Alcorn State University, where he graduated with a degree in Chemistry. He later received a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Jackson State University.

Reverend Washington spent 11 years as a NFL Pro Football Player for the Denver Broncos, Buffalo Bills, and San Francisco 49ers. At the age of 25, and while still playing in the NFL, Dave became a real estate developer. He designed and built a middle-class residential subdivision in Port Gibson, MS, which he named Trace Hills. Upon his retirement from the NFL in 1981, he served under the administration of Governor William Winters before taking on the Directorship of the Farish Street YMCA, where he developed the city's largest little league football program.

For all the lives Reverend Washington has touched, his legacy will continue in our hearts and in our interactions with colleagues, friends, and family. He was truly a dedicated man, husband, father, friend, and educator. Reverend Washington, Jr. will forever be remembered for his business acumen and passion for education, sports, mentoring, and entrepreneurship was a catalyst to many of the worthy endeavors for which he was involved. He was one who truly used his platform to leverage opportunities for others. He conceived and produced youth programs such as the HIS Ranch Youth Summer Program, the 12+2 Men's Youth Program, the annual Scholarship 3-Point Slam Dunk Contest, the Canton Peace Rally and Golf Classic, and his crowning charitable achievement, "Super Bowl Super Kids Super Sunday", which was a precursor program to the modern-day NFL Experience. His exceptional life of unyielding faith, devotion to family and the greater good will be cherished by his high school sweetheart of 51 years, Dianne Williams and his four children.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Dave Washington, Jr. for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

HONORING BENJAMIN M. PULEX

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an extraordinary young man, Benjamin M. Pulex, who was taken too soon. I include in the RECORD his family's loving tribute.

Benjamin M. Pulex died at the age of 18 on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at his Skokie home with family at his side. Benjamin was born June 9, 2003, in Evanston, IL to devoted parents Magnolia Rivera-Pulex and Cesar Pulex. Benjamin grew up in a home filled with deep love and encouragement alongside his sister, Camila Pulex. Together the family prioritized values like love, respect, and gratitude. These values were often cultivated by regular family trips that fostered a sense of curiosity and stewardship for the environment and ocean life, while also turning Benjamin into a well-seasoned traveler. His annual trips to visit his family in Long Beach, California led to some of his greatest experiences and memories, especially alongside his cousin Angelo Pulex.

Benjamin graduated from Niles North High School (Class of 2021) with a group of amazing, long-time friends. Benjamin and his friends enjoyed soccer scrimmaging, playing video games, and eating out at local restaurants. Together (with support from Benjamin's father) they also founded a local soccer team, the Skokie United Futbol Team HS21.

After the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) diagnosis that Benjamin received, he showed compassion and hoped that no other children would have to endure what he did. The greatest protection he had during his battle with ALS was the never-ending support and care given to him by his parents and family. Throughout every stage of Benjamin's illness Magnolia and Cesar were by his side providing the medical and emotional support he needed at any hour of the morning or night, while also striving to ensure that Benjamin found joy in moments and activities throughout the day. Together they quickly became movie and anime aficionados bonding over movie classics and anime shows between treatments.

Prior to his ALS diagnosis, Benjamin was an undergraduate student at North Park University interested in pursuing marine biology. He had received a private tour with the University of Washington's faculty in 2021 and was personally encouraged by faculty to transfer into the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Laboratories program. In a world full of complexity, Benjamin was the opposite—he was caring, grateful, honest, and above all humble. He retained simple yet abundant pleasures in life: spending time with his loving family, his amazing group of friends, watching Spiderman movies and anime, listening to 80's music classics, adhering to his fierce loyalty to Real Madrid by watching games and cheering any hour of the day, also extending that team loyalty to the Seattle Seahawks, and immersing himself into caring and learning more about ocean life. Benjamin had a sharp sense of humor and quick wit, even making jokes and playing pranks throughout his battle against ALS, staying true to himself until the very end.

Benjamin is survived by his parents, Magnolia Rivera-Pulex and Cesar Pulex, his sister Camila Pulex, and a large and loving extended family.

RECOGNIZING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF MASSACRES AGAINST ARMENIANS IN SUMGAIT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the thirty-fourth anniversary of the Sumgait pogroms, which is known as one of the most violent anti-Armenian massacres orchestrated by Azerbaijan.

In February of 1988, the Armenian people of Nagorno Karabakh, more commonly known by its people and descendants as Artsakh, rose in peaceful protest to demand their right to self-determination. On February 27, 1988, civilians were subjected to violent riots and massacres, which lasted for three days. Many innocent civilians were injured, killed, and tortured; some managed to escape and survive while coping with the catastrophe they survived.

Unfazed by their oppression, the Armenian community remained strong and dedicated to preserving their self-determination toward a free-democratic country, that would finally end their rule under the Soviet Union. The courage demonstrated by the people of Artsakh must never be forgotten.

Human rights violations cannot be ignored, and we must learn from our experiences to ensure basic human rights across the globe.

In 2020, we saw the Azerbaijani government capture 25 Armenian soldiers and held them as prisoners of war. The fate of one prisoner remains unknown as of this date. The Azerbaijani government must be held accountable for its violent aggression against the Armenian people.

Today, the people of Artsakh continue to demonstrate strength and unity as they strive towards creating a better tomorrow for themselves and their sovereignty. As lawmakers, it's imperative that Congress continues to work with our counterparts to support a free, prosperous, and secure Armenia and hold Azerbaijan accountable.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the thousands of Armenian Americans living in my congressional district, I ask my colleagues to stand with the people of Artsakh in remembering the lives lost during this tragic event. May their memory serve as a reminder for each one of us to continue advocating for human rights and democracy around the globe.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JIM LANCASTER

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of my friend, cousin, and lifelong Tennessean, Jimmie Knight Lancaster. He passed away on February 3rd after a remarkable 92 years on God's earth.

He was born on June 11, 1929 in Smith County, Tennessee and was the oldest of twin sons born to Edward and Dimple Knight Lancaster. He was raised in a log cabin on the family farm and attended Lancaster Elementary School. After graduating from Gordonsville High School in 1947, he attended Tennessee Technological University on a football scholarship where he received All-Conference honors as a single wing tailback. In college, he served as President of the "T" Club and was elected to Who's Who Among College Students while graduating with the highest honors and his Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy Agriculture in 1951.

Mr. Lancaster dedicated much of his life to agriculture. He worked for the Wilson County Farm Bureau as its Agency Manager for over 43 years. In fact, he's now a member of the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame in recognition of his exemplary work for local farmers throughout his career.

Jim had an unquenchable thirst for learning throughout his life. He became a Certified Life Underwriter in 1972, earned an Advanced Estate Planning Degree in 1973, and became a Chartered Financial Consultant in 1982.

As a charter member and former Sunday School teacher at the Westland United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Jim loved the Lord and cherished his family with all his heart. He and Vondell, the love of his life, were married for 67 years before her passing. Together they had five children, twelve grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Jim's and Vondell's loving marriage and devotion to family led to a lot of little Lancasters running around Middle Tennessee.

Jim was a joyful role model and so many people in his community knew Jim in that way.

He served as a leader in many local organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Lebanon Jaycees, the Peoples Bank, the Lebanon Rotary Club, and Cumberland University, and was local camp President of Gideon's International. He prided himself on being a consummate public servant and attempted to inspire others to do the same.

He received countless awards for his service over the years like becoming a member of the Robert E. Musto Insurance Hall of Fame, receiving an honorary Doctorate in Literary Letters from Cumberland University, the Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award, the Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellowship Award and Bernice Bass Good Citizenship Award, Tennessee Technological University's Outstanding Service Award, and the Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Membership Award. But he was a humble man who wasn't in it for recognition. He just loved serving his community and the people in it.

Jim Lancaster spent his entire life serving his community, the public, and the Lord. It is only suitable for Congress to recognize and honor his life and legacy. I was blessed to call Jim family. It is a bittersweet moment for me now to say he's gone to be with our Lord.

I thank Jim Lancaster for a life well lived that touched so many in such a positive way.

HONORING CHRYSTAL WILLIAMS-DAVIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable hero, Mrs. Chrystal Williams-Davis.

Chrystal was born August 27, 1971, to the late Emma Turner Williams in Marks, Mississippi. She was the last born of 10 children. She attended schools in Quitman County and graduated from Quitman County High School in 1989.

Immediately after graduating high school, she enlisted in the United States Army and was deployed in 1990 to Operation Desert Shield where she was in the Persian Gulf for one year serving during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. She received the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait, The Army Commendation Medal, and The National Defense Medal. Chrystal served a total of ten years in the United States Army Reserve.

Chrystal returned home from Desert Storm and attained her certificate in Practical Nursing from Northwest Community college in 1995. Upon completion of Practical Nursing school, her mother Emma passed away suddenly. Chrystal was sad but remembered how proud her mother was of her accomplishment, and that gave her great comfort and pushed her even harder. She worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse for five years and decided it was time to advance her career in nursing. She then attended Mississippi Delta Community College where she obtained her Associate Degree in Nursing in 2005. She worked as an Intensive Care RN for several years and decided once again that she wanted to have the ability to do more for her patients after seeing

how chronic diseases affected her community. She obtained her Bachelors' Degree in Nursing with honors from Chamberlain College of Nursing in 2010 and her Master of Science degree in Nursing with honors from Walden University as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 2014. She has been employed with a rural health clinic, Northeast Mississippi Health Care, providing primary care to residents in Mississippi who might otherwise not be able to afford care. Chrystal has worked in various settings in the nursing field. She has worked with Special Needs adults, Women's Health, Medical Surgical Nursing, Emergency Room, Infection Control Nursing, Home Health, and Hospice. In her spare time, she provides nurse consulting. Outside of work, she is very active in her community, where she participates in community activism and provides health education in various settings. Her passion is for the education of young women on self-esteem.

Chrystal is married to Davie Davis, and they have three children: Chelsea, Jamaal and Dawoud. Chrystal gives her mother Emma all the credit for her ability to be a loving mother, sister, and aunt. Her mother Emma raised her to: "Do her best at whatever she decides to do, but always remain humble and give God praise in everything." Her family and friends are very important in her life.

Chrystal has been a faithful member of the Nation of Islam for over twenty-five years; a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; a member of various nursing leadership organizations; and, she is an active participant in all of these organizations.

Chrystal's leadership, passion, dedication, endurance, dependability, and service has made her synonymous with being one of the best, if not the best Nurse Practitioner in Mississippi. She is often praised by her patients for going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that they receive the most competent health care services. Chrystal is recognized for her service to God, her family, her country, her community, and the people that seek her help.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chrystal Williams-Davis, Family Nurse Practitioner, for her dedication to serving this great state and country.

HONORING TOBI PARKS AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Tobi Parks, the founder of xBk and the Board Vice President for the National Independent Venue Association Foundation, as Iowan of the Week.

Surrounded by music her entire life, Tobi describes herself as a musician and creator at heart. Growing up with an understanding of what it takes to be successful in the music industry, Tobi was conscious that her unwavering passion for music could lead to a viable and fulfilling career path. Studying media communications and audio production at Webster University, Tobi was able to foster her interests academically. While at first, Tobi was

scared to put herself out there, those concerns never stopped her from pursuing her dreams in the music industry whether it was completing gigs or hosting shows on the radio. After university, Tobi moved to New York, where she worked for Sony focusing on copy-right and licensing work. However, in 2015, Tobi moved to Des Moines and in the same year, she established an artist-development nonprofit label called Station One Records. Station One Records was created with the objective of granting artists the development that she wishes she could have had. In the end, the nonprofit promotes that finding and cultivating talent is the priority rather than the financial benefits and end results.

As a woman of color and a member of the LGBTQ+ community, moving to Des Moines with her family was a considerable change from her life in New York City. The decision was made based on the fact that they had family in the area, and she could still be legally married in Iowa. Additionally, at the time, a member of the Des Moines Social Club advised her that one can do whatever they wish to do and find support anywhere in Des Moines. With that advice in mind, Tobi sought to build upon the live music ecosystem in Des Moines since she already had experience with running venues, booking artists, and touring. These experiences led to her founding xBk, which is a live entertainment venue in Des Moines in the Drake neighborhood. With the creation of xBk, there was an opportunity to increase the outreach of Station One, create a space to foster an artist community, and diversify the genres of music seen in Des Moines through the venue. Furthermore, with the COVID-19 pandemic, her work as the Board Vice President for the National Independent Venue Association Foundation has pushed for xBk and other businesses to obtain necessary aid through emergency relief programs and additional grants.

Tobi's involvement in the music industry and Des Moines community encourages both the development of those she helps and the diversity of the industry in general. Her determination and inclusive mindset have propelled her to success and make her truly worthy of being nominated for this award. Tobi serves as an inspiration and role model to all, and it is my honor to name her Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE OF LEN SIMICH

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. PHILLIPS. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Len Simich for his extraordinary service to the state of Minnesota as the longtime leader of SouthWest Transit.

Since 1997, Len has served as the CEO of SouthWest Transit, a public transit agency serving the cities of Chaska, Chanhassen, Eden Prairie, and Carver. Under his leadership, SouthWest Transit has embodied its mission to be more than a transit agency by putting people first. This approach established SouthWest Transit as a nation-leading suburban transit agency and key contributor to the region's continued growth and economic development.

Len has helped guide SouthWest Transit from nearly the beginning, helming the agency for over two-thirds of its existence. In that time, he has spurred a fourfold increase in ridership, the construction of numerous new transit stations, and the implementation of innovative transit services such as SouthWest Prime. He also helped lead the agency through the many challenges that have faced transportation agencies in the past two-and-a-half decades, including the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Len's dedication and ingenuity has been recognized time and time again at the state and national levels. Len was previously honored as the Minnesota Transit Professional of the Year, and the list of accolades for SouthWest Transit are too numerous to fully list but include the American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Public Transportation System of the Year and the Federal Highway Administration's National Environmental Excellence Award.

Even as he embarks on his retirement, both SouthWest Transit and the communities the agency serves will continue to benefit from his visionary leadership. His service has made it easier for families and friends to share moments together, for residents to achieve economic success through access to job openings across the region, for seniors to live more independently and maintain access to the care and services they need, and for all to enjoy unique seasonal events like the Minnesota State Fair. Our region owes a debt of gratitude to Len for allowing us all to enjoy the fruits of his labor, and on behalf of a grateful community, we wish him a happy, healthy, and meaningful retirement.

HONORING CHRISTO (CHRIS) LUNDERMAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated gentleman, Mr. Christo (Chris) Lunderman. Mr. Lunderman has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Chris Lunderman has been awarded top honors with the 2022 Black Engineer of the Year Awards (BEYA), which recognizes African-American scientists and engineers around the country. The winners chosen are leaders shaping the future of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), as well as promoting diversity and inclusion in the STEM pipeline. He was recognized at this year's BEYA STEM Global Competitiveness Conference, which was held in Washington, D.C., Feb. 17 through 19.

Lunderman, a research physicist in the Information Technology Lab (ITL), received the Outstanding Achievement and Science Spectrum Trailblazer Award, which focuses on individuals who have created new paths for others in science, research, technology, and development. In his day-to-day role, Lunderman leads a diverse, multi-disciplinary team of engineers, scientists and technicians in the design and installation of sensor systems and communications to better quantify the condition of aging infrastructure.

Lunderman also serves as a mentor to several ERDC employees, supports Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts and sits on an advisory board for employee morale efforts.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Christo (Chris) Lunderman for his passion and dedication to the field of Engineering.

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA MORRISSEAU

HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Sandra Morriveau, 53, passed away on February 18, 2022, after a courageous health battle.

Whereas, Sandra was born on the 22nd of May in 1968 to parents Joseph (who preceded her in death) and Marie-Carmel Louisias. Her birthplace as well as the setting of her childhood was Brooklyn, New York.

Whereas, she attended Clara Barton High School in Brooklyn. Shortly after, in 1989, Sandra moved to Miami Shores Florida with her parents and brother. While living in Miami, Sandra attended Barry University and pursued a degree in Nursing. She graduated and very quickly realized her calling was in the entertainment industry. She spent her life committed to uplifting Haitian culture in the Miami area and had a zest for life that shined through all the events she worked on and the friendships she nurtured within the community.

Whereas, through hard work and grace, Sandra accomplished many feats. Some of her accomplishments included becoming the first Island television employees, working at the Little Haiti Cultural Center, helping produce Sound of Little Haiti, and multiple other impressive acts.

Whereas, in 2003, she married Riquet Morriveau and they had two beautiful children, Samara and Matthew Morriveau. Sandra was a dedicated wife and mother. She treasured her two children and embraced every moment with them.

Whereas, she was a loving and compassionate person who loved to go above and beyond in everything that she did. All her actions were committed with elegance and class. Those who knew her will remember Sandra for being a perfectionist, loving, and a caring daughter, sister, and friend.

Whereas, let us strive to honor her memory by pursuing our passions and living a full life as she would have wanted us to.

HONORING KYLE KILLINGER

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Marine from Columbus who is making a difference for fellow veterans from sea to shining sea.

Kyle Killinger set out on foot, running from San Diego, California on a cross-country journey to raise awareness for veteran suicide.

Kyle completed his run just a few steps away from here at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

Kyle started his own non-profit, entitled, "Because He's My Brother" to raise awareness of veteran suicide and post traumatic stress.

He has raised money along his journey to benefit another organization that strives to prevent veteran suicide, SAVE 22. I hope that each and every veteran is inspired by Kyle's 3,000-mile run.

His long Journey through peaks and valleys is not unlike that of every man and women who has served our nation in uniform.

My hope is that anyone who needs help finds the courage to ask.

Semper Fi.

HONORING JARROD DIXON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young man, Mr. Jarrod Dixon of Copiah County.

Jarrod Dixon is a man of God and the Pastor of Faith Tabernacle M.B. Church located at 2117 Experiment Station Road in Crystal Springs, MS.

Jarrod graduated from the Enterprise Attendance Center in Brookhaven, MS. He received his bachelor's degree in Divinity from US Mingo Bible Institute and is currently working on his master's degree.

Jarrod is married to the beautiful Corte'zia Dixon, and they have one daughter, Kennedy Dixon.

Jarrod loves the Lord and desires to encourage young people to stop the violence while providing information that would enhance the lives of those in the community. He believes that we should not only provide for people's spiritual needs, but also provide for their physical needs as well.

Jarrod has demonstrated his leadership skills during his pastoral ministry by leading Faith Tabernacle to greater heights during the Covid-19 pandemic. He has been awarded the 2021 Copiah County Pastor of the Year Award and the Alderman Brown Spotlight Award. He attributes his awards to God's love for him and his love for God.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Jarrod Dixon for all his hard work, leadership, accomplishments, here in the Second District of Mississippi.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY AND SERVICE OF WALTER J. KUSZ

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 100th birthday and the service of Walter J. Kusz. Through his commitment to our country and his local community, Walter has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Mr. Kusz was born on March 2, 1922, in Ironwood, Michigan, to Joseph and Magdalena Kusz and was the middle of nine siblings. Walter and his bothers all went on to serve in the U.S. Military after high school during World War II and the Korean War. He was drafted in 1943 and became a member of the U.S. Army-Air Corps after his completion of his basic training in Miami Beach, Florida. From there, Walter was assigned to Dowling Air Field in Washington, D.C., where he relayed meteorological data at the Pentagon to U.S. Bomber Command in Europe. He was then promoted to Staff Sergeant T-5 and joined Occupation Forces in Austria between 1945 and 1946.

As a Yooper and an avid outdoorsman, Walter also has a great passion for winter sports, snow skiing, and hunting. While serving in Europe, he joined the U.S. Army ski-jumping team and competed in competitions in Holmenkollen, Norway, and Garmisch, Germany. Following his military service, he became president of the Gogebic Range Ski Corporation and brought several competitions to the U.P. at Copper Peak during the 1970s and 1980s. In addition, Walter was a devoted hunter throughout his life, shooting his last buck at the age of 92.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the 100th birthday of Walter J. Kusz. His accomplishments inspire us all and we are grateful for his years of service to our country.

RECOGNIZING MRS. GLORIA JEAN WEIRICH MILSPA W'S 100TH BIRTHDAY AND LIFE OF COMMUNITY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Gloria Jean Weirich Milspaw upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday, as well as her continued, tireless service to our communities.

Born and raised in Middletown, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Milspaw became the first ever female drum major for the Middletown High School band in her sophomore year. She attended West Chester State Teachers College for two years as a music major but left early in part due to the Great Depression and World War II. Though she later took the Civil Service exam and scored extremely high, she was told that women couldn't be given the higher-level jobs that were "reserved for men with families to feed." As a result, she was given a typewriter and became a secretary. It was then that she met her future husband, Captain (and later Lieutenant Colonel) Lynn G. Milspaw, an engineer and Air Force pilot. They were married in 1944 and endured the stress and hardship of his military duty in both World War II and Korea, as well as his later duty as a high-level civil servant for the Air Force. Gloria sang with and directed church choirs and various music groups in all their travels and duty stations.

While in Utah, Gloria took up and excelled at the hobby of watercolor, and within a few years she became President of the Utah Watercolor Association. After moving back to

Pennsylvania, she soon became a signature member of the Pennsylvania Watercolor Association as well. She also earned a degree in Interior Design, founded a small business, and took up skiing. One of her greatest challenges, however, was her rigorous fight against lymphoma—and—chemotherapy from which she made a full recovery at the age of 90.

Mrs. Milspaw, now 100 years young, resides in the same town in which she was born, and remains a beacon of health and wellness in our community. She exercises daily, paints and sells watercolors, serves God and her church, and is constantly learning more about the world. I am humbled and privileged to commend and thank Mrs. Gloria Milspaw on her many successes both at home and abroad, and her lifelong dedication to being an active member of our communities. I wish her a wonderful birthday celebration, and God-speed for many more days of a life filled with good health, happiness, prosperity, and love.

HONORING HERMAN MOORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and innovative gentleman, Mr. Herman Moore. Mr. Moore has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to achieve success.

Herman Moore has been awarded top honors with the 2022 Black Engineer of the Year Awards (BEYA), which recognizes African-American scientists and engineers around the country. The winners chosen are leaders shaping the future of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), as well as promoting diversity and inclusion in the STEM pipeline. He was recognized at this year's BEYA STEM Global Competitiveness Conference, which was held in Washington, D.C. Feb. 17 through 19.

He is the leader and main technical developer of the Army Facilities Components System project. On that project, he plays an instrumental role by providing direction and input to teams, sponsors, and customers to resolve technical solutions and enhanced application features. Moore began his career at ERDC in 1996 and earned his master's degree in computer science in 2004.

With Moore's technical capabilities and leadership experience at ERDC, he is always looking for opportunities to serve as a mentor to junior scientists and to develop himself to advance the mission. His advice to engineers just beginning a career is to identify strengths and weaknesses.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Herman Moore for his passion and dedication to the field of Engineering.

TRIBUTE TO PETER LEE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter V. Lee, the first and only Exec-

utive Director of the highly successful health benefit exchange, Covered California. He leaves the organization to 'look for the next mountain to climb.'

The story of the extraordinary success of Covered California is the history of Peter Lee's tenure. As of January 31, 2021, Covered California announced that 1,744,000 people, a new record high, had signed up for health coverage. Under Peter Lee's leadership, uninsured rates dropped 20.5 percent for Latinos, 12.4 percent for Asian Americans and African Americans, and 8.3 percent for Caucasians. All this has been achieved with rate increases kept low.

Peter Lee was unanimously confirmed as Executive Director by the Covered California board on August 23, 2011. Prior to serving as Executive Director of Covered California, he was the Deputy Director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation at CMS where he worked to improve care and reduce costs. He was the Director of Delivery System Reform for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1995 to 2000 and the Executive Director of the Center for Health Care Rights. From 2000 to 2008, Peter was the CEO and Executive Director for National Health Policy of the Pacific Business Group on Health and the former Director of Programs for the National AIDS Network. Prior to this, Peter was a practicing attorney in Los Angeles.

Peter Lee is a member of a pioneering California health care family and his work at Covered California continued in that proud tradition. His grandfather, Russel Van Arsdale Lee, founded the Palo Alto Medical Clinic (now the Palo Alto Medical Foundation). His father, Peter Lee, founded the Family Medicine Department at USC and, at risk to his career, spoke out in favor of Medicare in 1965. His uncle, Dr. Philip R. Lee, helped create and implement Medicare, and served in the Clinton Administration as an Assistant Health Secretary. His uncle, Dr. Hewlett Lee, was a highly regarded and well-loved surgeon. Peter earned his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley and his law degree from USC.

Peter Lee's work has improved the lives of millions of Californians and created a national model for other states to emulate. His tenure as Executive Director created a strong, vital organization well suited to continue its mission of service and innovation after his departure.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring and thanking Peter Lee for his outstanding work and in wishing him every blessing as he enters the next chapter in his superb career.

HONORING COLONIAL STEAK HOUSE'S INDUCTION INTO THE ARKANSAS FOOD HALL OF FAME

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonial Steak House of Pine Bluff for being inducted into the Arkansas Food Hall of Fame Class of 2022. The steakhouse was one of three winners out of ten finalists submitted in the state of Arkansas.

Having opened its doors in 1974, the Colonial Steak House has and continues to be a

staple in the Pine Bluff community. This local restaurant embodies the resilient spirit of Arkansas, having survived a fire in the 1980s and the Coronavirus pandemic. For nearly fifty years, it has continually served the community, not only with great food, but also with its drive to make the Pine Bluff area better. This was highlighted in 2020 when a \$1,200.00 tip was left for one server. Colonial's owners divided it amongst the employees, even those who had the day off. Allie Hall and her business partner Scott Mouser purchased the historic steakhouse from her mom Dana Gately in 2020, and between the three of them, they have over fifty years of experience running the restaurant. To this day, if you come on a busy night, you can find three generations of Gately's working there.

I take this time today to congratulate Allie Hall, Scott Mouser, Dana Gately, and the staff of the Colonial Steak House on this well-deserved honor. I thank them for their dedication to Pine Bluff, our community, and all the residents of Arkansas's Fourth Congressional District.

HONORING MARSHALL'S MUSIC AND BOOKSTORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marshall's Music and Bookstore.

Marshall's Music and Bookstore is a Black-owned family business on Farish Street in Downtown Jackson. The store has been around for 84 years.

The store has its own story of surviving everything from the Great Depression, segregation and Jim Crow era to a pandemic, recession, and even digital transformation.

Maati Jone Primm is a third-generation owner of the store, which prides itself on educating children and adults about Black History—which Primm stresses don't begin in enslavement.

Books, literature, and music are stacked on tables and shelves. The walls are adorned with striking images of African American changemakers with roots in Mississippi.

Stacey Abrams from Gulfport, Ruby Bridges from Tylertown, Sam Cooke from Clarksdale, Charley Pride from Sledge, C.L. Franklin from Shelby, and Judge Mablean from Hazlehurst are only a few of the faces you will see.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Marshall's Music and Bookstore.

COMMEMORATING THE SUMGAIT POGROMS OF 1988 AND THE BAKU POGROMS OF 1990

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the anniversary of the Sumgait pogroms of 1988 and the Baku pogroms of 1990, and to remember the innocent Armenians who tragically lost their lives during these horrific events,

From February 27–29, 1988, hundreds of Armenians living in Sumgait, Azerbaijan were targeted in violent, ethnically motivated attacks. Armenians were beaten, murdered, raped, burned alive, and driven out of their homes. Mass violence against Armenians continued in other Azerbaijani cities in the following years, including in Baku in 1990, and thousands of Armenians were displaced. At the time, Members of the U.S. Congress, both Democrat and Republican, urged Azerbaijan to stop these atrocious events and take steps to protect these Armenian communities.

Many believe that these pogroms occurred in response to peaceful protests led by ethnic Armenians in Artsakh, or Nagorno-Karabakh, who were demanding independence from Azerbaijan and calling for democracy. Throughout the dispute over Artsakh, anti-Armenian hatred and propaganda spread rapidly throughout Azerbaijan. It was this hatred and propaganda that fueled the Sumgait and Baku pogroms.

We must be vocal in rejecting hatred, violence, and discrimination—and work tirelessly to ensure that history does not repeat itself. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the memory of those lost in the Sumgait and Baku pogroms. And I will continue to work with the Congressional Armenian Issues Caucus to reaffirm our commitment to combatting human rights abuses around the world.

HONORING AMBASSADOR ROBERTO R. ROMULO

HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, as Co-Chair of the U.S.-Philippines Friendship Caucus, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Philippine statesman and friend to the United States, Ambassador Roberto “Bobby” R. Romulo, who passed away on January 23, 2022.

Ambassador Romulo graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Ateneo de Manila University with a Bachelor of Law. He started his professional career as an IBM marketing trainee in New York City. During his IBM career, he held marketing and management positions in New York, Thailand, Burma, Bangladesh and the Philippines, where he was President and General Manager.

In 1989, he was appointed Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the Commission of the European Communities. He was then elevated to the top of the Philippines’s Department of Foreign Affairs in 1992. As a diplomat, he was decorated by the governments of Belgium, Thailand, Spain, Chile, France and the Philippines.

In 1995, Ambassador Romulo rejoined the private sector and was elected Chairman of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), and Vice-Chair of San Miguel International. He was Chairman of Interpharma Investments Ltd. (Zuellig Pharma) from 1997 to 2007 and was a board member of MIH (a subsidiary of NASPERS, a South African Company) from 2002 to 2013. From 2003 to 2010, he served as an independent director of Singapore Land and UIC. Most recently, Am-

bassador Romulo was the Chairman of various organizations including AIG Philippines Insurance, Inc., MediLink Network Inc. and Nationwide Development Corporation (NADECOR). He also held board memberships at various corporations including PLDT, Equicom Savings Bank, Robinsons Retail Holdings, Inc., Maxicare Healthcare Corporation, and McLarty Associates.

In 1996, Ambassador Romulo was the founding Chairman of the APEC Business Advisory Council and continued as Chairman of the Philippine representation of the Council until 2010. From 1999 to 2001, he was Chairman of the e-ASEAN Task Force. From January 2001 to January 2007, he served as pro-bono senior advisor on international competitiveness to Philippines President Gloria Arroyo. He was a Co-Founder and Trustee of the US-Philippines Society. He administered the Society’s “Carlos P. Romulo Awards” in recognition of the contributions of Filipinos and Americans who have strengthened Philippines-U.S. ties, a core mission of the Society.

He was also chairman of non-profit foundations: the Carlos P. Romulo Foundation for Peace and Development, which raises awareness of critical issues that significantly impact the peace and development of the Philippines and the region at large; the Zuellig Family Foundation, which focuses on improving health conditions in rural Filipino communities by providing training programs for local government health leaders; and the Asia-Europe Foundation of the Philippines, which brings together the peoples of Asia and Europe to address common global challenges.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an extraordinary diplomat, statesman, and friend to the United States. Ambassador Romulo will be sorely missed by so many for his frankness, honesty, and dedication to deepening relations between our two countries.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR GREGORY LAURAIN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Director Gregory Laurain on the occasion of his retirement from Van Buren Police Department after over 40 years of service to Van Buren Township, Michigan. His significant service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Director Laurain is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and the elite FBI National Academy. A well-rounded leader in public safety, he is also a graduate of the Van Buren Township Fire Academy. He began his career with the Van Buren Police Department in 1980, working as a reserve police officer. A member of the first full time class of police officers in the history of the township, he became a patrolman in 1981. Five years later he was promoted to Detective Sergeant. In 2006 he was promoted to the role of Patrol Captain, supervising seven units within the police depart-

ment. In 2013, he was appointed to serve as Public Safety Director for Van Buren Township and was tasked with leading the entire Public Safety department, including the united police and fire departments. Under his leadership, the police department was accredited through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission making it one of only 43 agencies in the state to earn this honor.

As a leader known throughout Southeastern Michigan, Director Laurain’s work did not end at the Township border. He served as Commander of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team, as a member of the Drug Enforcement Agency Airport Interdiction Team, and with the Michigan State Police Narcotic Interdiction Team. Known for his selflessness, integrity, and tireless work ethic, Director Laurain is an example among his peers. He was named President of the Wayne County Chiefs Association and Board President of the FBI National Academy Associates Michigan Chapter. Director Laurain is a member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police. He resides in Michigan with his wife and is looking forward to spending more time with his two daughters and grandchildren in retirement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Director Gregory Laurain for his over 40 years of exemplary service. He has effectively and selflessly served Van Buren Township and has been steadfastly dedicated to the safety of our community. I join with Director Laurain’s family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 7

6 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

SVC-217

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United

States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine mandatory arbitration in financial service products.

SD-538

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine combating the rise in hate crimes.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations.

HVC-210/VTC

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations.

SVC-217

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nominations of C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), Sarah H. Cleveland, of New York, to be Legal Adviser, George J. Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to Greece, James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador, Beth Van Schaack, of California, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice, Randi Charno Levine, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, N. Nickolas Perry, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Deborah E. Lipstadt, of Georgia, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador, and Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), all of the Department of State, routine lists in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine Russia's inva-

sion of Ukraine, focusing on assessing the U.S. and international response.

SD-G50

MARCH 10

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Krista Anne Boyd, of Florida, to be Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management, and Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, Leona M. Bridges, of California, Michael F. Gerber, of Pennsylvania, Stacie Olivares, of California, and Javier E. Saade, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

SD-342/VTC

MARCH 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "PREVENT Pandemics Act", and other pending calendar business.

SD-106